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Vascular Anastomosis  
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Sir:

The comments submitted herein constitute Applicant's record of the telephonic interview of October 6, 2004 between Examiner Brad Pantuck and Applicant's Representative, Dermott J. Cooke, regarding the above-identified matter, wherein agreement was reached to

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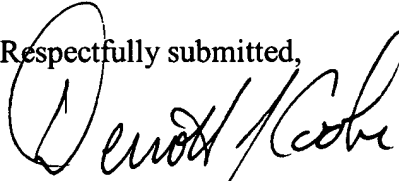
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amend claims 1 and 21 by inserting "--lumens of--" before "said vessels" in the last line of claim 1 and claim 21. By agreement, this Examiner's Amendment is deemed to render all of claims 1-40 allowable, all previously withdrawn claims being rejoined upon entry of this Examiner's Amendment.

Applicant appreciates Examiner Pantuck's efforts in rendering this Application allowable as a result of the Examiner's Amendment, and the recognition of this application as patentably distinguished from the art of record. Should the Examiner determine that anything further is desirable to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below, otherwise Applicant looks forward to receipt of a Notice of Allowance for this application shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dermott Cooke", written over a horizontal line.

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